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MEETING, MAY 19

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1. SUMMARY. AT TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP ON MAY 19,
TARASOV (USSR) OFFERED FAVORABLE COMMENTS ON SEVERAL
ASPECTS OF US DEL ILLUSTRATIVE LANGUAGE ON NATIONAL
SEISMIC STATIONS (NSS) AND MADE A CONCRETE PROPOSAL
FOR A MODIFICATION TO US DEL SUGGESTED TECHNICAL
CHARACTERISTICS FOR NSS EQUIPMENT, WHICH SUGGESTS SOV
DEL IS NOW PREPARED TO DISCUSS AT LEAST SOME ASPECTS
OF US DEL LANGUAGE IN DETAIL. TARASOV ALSO SINGLED
OUT AS PROBLEM AREAS THE FACT THAT TECHNICAL CHARACTER-
ISTICS IN US DEL LANGUAGE WERE APPARENTLY BASED ON
EQUIPMENT US WAS DEVELOPING RATHER THAN ON REQUIRED
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PURPOSE OF EQUIPMENT; AND "UNPRECEDENTED VOLUME" OF
INFORMATION TO BE COMMUNICATED. END SUMMARY.

2. TARASOV READ STATEMENT (SEPTTEL) WHICH BEGAN BY
LISTING AREAS WHERE REVISED US DEL ILLUSTRATIVE
LANGUAGE ON NSS INDICATED A NARROWING OF VIEWS. HE
CITED "WITH SATISFACTION" CONCEPT OF NSS, ELIMINATION

OF CONTROL FROM FOREIGN TERRITORY, MODIFIED SITE SELECTION PROCEDURES, AND RESEMBLANCE OF TEXT OF SEPARATE VERIFICATION AGREEMENT TO SOVIET DRAFT, BUT NOTED THAT PROPOSED ANNEX WOULD REQUIRE CONSIDERABLE WORK IN SOVIET DEL VIEW.

3. HE THEN CITED TWO GENERAL QUESTIONS OF PRINCIPLE OF CONCERN TO THE SOVIET DEL, NOTING FIRST THAT DRAFT ANNEX WAS WRITTEN ON THE ASSUMPTION THAT NSS EQUIPMENT WOULD BE THAT NOW UNDER DEVELOPMENT IN US. WHILE APPARENTLY NOT RULING OUT THE IDEA THAT US EQUIPMENT COULD BE USED, TARASOV PROPOSED THAT TECHNICAL ANNEX BE WRITTEN ON BASIS OF EQUIPMENT PURPOSE RATHER THAN LINKED TO SPECIFIC US EQUIPMENT DESIGN. AT PRESENT, SOVIET DELEGATION COULD ONLY AGREE TO CONSIDER TECHNICAL AND DESIGN CHARACTERISTICS IN A CAREFUL, DISPASSIONATE MANNER. SECONDLY, HE SAID THAT, SINCE NSS WERE SUPPLEMENTAL TO NTM, THEY SHOULD BE RELIABLE AND SIMPLE. THEIR INTRODUCTION SHOULD NOT REQUIRE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF "INTERCONTINENTAL EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION OF UNPRECEDENTED VOLUME." HE SAID THIS COULD GIVE RISE TO THE GREATEST COMPLICATIONS IN ESTABLISHING PRACTICAL VERIFICATION MEASURES.

4. FINALLY, TARASOV SAID SOVIET DEL WOULD MAKE THE NECESSARY CONTRIBUTIONS TO ENABLE PREPARATION OF THE ANNEX AND, AS AN INITIAL COMMENT, SUGGESTED THAT THE
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NSS HAVE A FREQUENCY RANGE OF .025 TO 10 HZ ACROSS A 3-COMPONENT SHORT PERIOD AND A 3 COMPONENT MID-PERIOD BAND. THIS MODIFICATION COULD BE IMPLEMENTED BY APPROPRIATELY MODIFYING THE FREQUENCY CHARACTERISTICS OF THE DOWNHOLE UNIT AND WOULD REDUCE THE VOLUME OF INFORMATION BY 40 PERCENT WITHOUT REDUCING THE EFFECTIVENESS OF NSS. TARASOV SAID SOVIET DEL WOULD MAKE KNOWN ITS VIEWS ON OTHER CHARACTERISTICS OF NSS WHICH COULD BE AGREED ON AFTER FURTHER STUDY.

5. JOHNSON (US) AND FAKLEY (UK) THANKED TARASOV FOR PRESENTATION OF SPECIFIC COMMENTS WHICH WOULD MAKE IT MUCH EASIER TO MOVE AHEAD WITH THE NEGOTIATIONS. JOHNSON PROMISED REACTIONS TO SOVIET DEL COMMENTS AT NEXT MEETING, WHICH WAS SCHEDULED FOR MAY 23. JOHNSON

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